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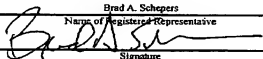
In re patent application of:)	Before the Examiner:
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Application Serial No. 10/803,440)	Group Art Unit: 3734
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SUTURE ANCHORING)	
SYSTEM AND METHOD)	

Via Facsimile Transmission: 571-273-8300**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 29, 2009, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. No extensions of time are believed to be due. However, should any additional fees be deemed necessary, please charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include payment of issue fees.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-19, 21-29, 35-39 and 56-64 were pending in the final Office Action dated April 29, 2009. Claims 14-17, 19, 28, 29, 35-39, 62 and 63 have been allowed. Additionally, claims 57-59 have been objected to, but have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. The remaining claims currently stand rejected. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are hereby requested.

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